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SUBJECT: MASHADANI CONFIRMS PARLIAMENT TO STAY IN SESSION  
DURING JULY AND ANNOUNCES AGENDA

Classified By: Political Counselor Margaret Scobey for Reasons 1.4 (B)  
and (D).

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¶3. (C) Mashadani referred to Vice President Tarik al-Hashimi's version of the National Reconciliation and Dialogue Plan, and its reference to "legitimate resistance", stating that it has the support of the Leadership Council and that it represents an attempt to bring Sunni and Shia hardliners into the political process.

¶4. (C) Most likely in response to an intense CoR debate June 21 provoked by Shia Coalition allegations that the Speaker had announced Ayad Allawi's appointment June 20 as the CoR's "High Representative," Mashadani expressed to PolCouns his interest in appointing an official spokesperson. He said that he was considering a close friend, a dual national AmCit currently residing in the U.S., who he believed would be the ideal bridge to the outside media and to the USG.  
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